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Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the basis of informal consultations

Draft provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004

The General Assembly:

(a) Approves the draft provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 as set out in the annex to the present decision and agrees to revert to the issue of the programme of work at its fifty-ninth session;

(b) Invites the Bureau of the Second Committee to continue its efforts in consultation with Member States towards ensuring a more practical and coherent organization of the Committee's work, allowing better focus, visibility and participation, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, and to make suggestions regarding a decision thereon to be taken at the next organizational meeting of the Committee.

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Annex

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General debate

1. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   - (*a*) International trade and development;
   - (*b*) International financial system and development;
   - (*c*) External debt crisis and development;
   - (*d*) Commodities.
2. Implementation of and follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development:
   - (*a*) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development;
   - (*b*) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (fifty-eighth session).[1]
3. Sustainable development:
   - (*a*) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
   - (*b*) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   - (*c*) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;
   - (*d*) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;
   - (*e*) Sustainable development in mountain regions (fifty-eighth session);
   - (*f*) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (fifty-eighth session);
   - (*g*) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;
   - (*h*) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   - (*i*) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.
4. Implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly.

[1] Also an item in the plenary.

5. Globalization and interdependence:

   (*a*) Globalization and interdependence;

   (*b*) Science and technology for development (fifty-eighth session);

   (*c*) International migration and development (fifty-eighth session);

   (*d*) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;

   (*e*) Culture and development (fifty-ninth session);

   (*f*) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (fifty-ninth session).

6. Groups of countries in special situations:

   (*a*) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

   (*b*) Specific actions relating to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

7. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

   (*a*) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

   (*b*) Women in development;

   (*c*) Human resources development (fifty-eighth session);

   (*d*) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

   (*e*) Industrial development cooperation (fifty-ninth session).

8. Operational activities for development:

   (*a*) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

   (*b*) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (fifty-ninth session);

   (*c*) South-South cooperation; economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (fifty-eighth session).

9. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

10. Training and research:

    (*a*) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

    (*b*) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy (fifty-eighth session);

    (*c*) United Nations University (fifty-ninth session).

11. Report of the Economic and Social Council.